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Customer No. 22,852

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Maurizio GALIMBERTI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1791  
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Serial No.: 10/520,530 ) Examiner: Christopher S. Nichols  
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Filed: June 2, 2008 )  
) Confirmation No.: 9263  
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For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS )  
FOR CONTINUOUSLY )  
PRODUCING AN ELASTOMERIC )  
COMPOSITION )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated June 2, 2008, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 47-84, drawn to a process for continuously producing an elastomeric composition and Group II, claims 85-106, drawn to an apparatus for continuously producing an elastomeric composition. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 47-84, drawn to a process for continuously producing an elastomeric composition.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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